

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER W-168-98**

**WHEREAS**, strict compliance with all statutes, rules and regulations prescribing procedures for the advertising, bidding, award and administration of State contracts by the California Department of Transportation would hinder and delay the reopening and restoration of facilities and services closed or damaged by the major storms beginning on February 2, 1998;

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, PETE WILSON**, in accordance with the authority vested in me by the California Emergency Services Act, and in particular, Section 8571 of the California Government Code, **HEREBY SUSPEND** the operation of all such statutes, rules and regulations as they apply to California Department of Transportation contracts for the reopening and restoration of facilities and services damaged or interrupted by said storms and to contracts for the investigation and technical analysis of the damage and the design for the correction thereof. Furthermore, statutes, rules and regulations as they apply to the excavation of rock, gravel, sand or soil from State-owned or privately-owned property under the Surface Mining And Reclamation Act (Public Resources Code, Chapter 9) are suspended, if said excavation is for the sole purpose of reconstructing state or local transportation facilities damaged by the said storms:

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that California Department of Transportation officers having responsibility for such contracts exercise sound discretion to apply the provisions of statutes, rules and regulations designed for the protection of the public welfare, provided that such application is done in a selective manner designed to avoid any delay in the commencement of said work. This order of suspension shall be effective for 180 days from the date of this order.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF** I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of California to be affixed this 11th day of February 1998

Governor of California

**ATTEST:**

Secretary of State